

was on the lookout for avocados. What I have been trying to ascertain is, How high can the avocados be grown in Guatemala? Previously I had never seen it above 7000 feet, which is about the extreme limit of the orange zone. But on this trip, I found avocados at Tecpan (7500 ft.) and most remarkable of all, at Totonicapan (8500 ft.) On looking carefully over the town, I found that most of the trees in the gardens were peaches, apples, the wild cherries which occur in this part of Guatemala, and a few other hardy things, - strictly temperate in character. The mata-sano (*Casimiroa edulis*) was seen here and there. I found three or four young avocado trees in protected situations which had escaped the frost and looked pretty well and then found two large trees which had been frozen badly. They had the limbs killed back to the trunk, and scarcely a leaf on them. So far it did not look very promising. But finally I ran across a large tree growing in a patio (practically all of them were in patios) which had escaped practically uninjured, stood 40 feet high, and was carrying quite a little fruit. On examination the fruit proved to be of first-class quality. The idea of growing avocados 1000 feet or more above the zone in which oranges can be grown strikes me as rather surprising. Aside from the avocados, there was scarcely anything of interest in Los Altos, as that region is called. The wild cherry was in bloom and I will see it again in fruit, probably, when I go back to Totonicapan. That is a remarkable region, sure enough; wheat and oats, principally wheat, with some apples and peaches in the towns, but practically all seedlings, of course. On the way back we spent a day at Mazatenango, and I went out to look up the *anay*. I found that the tree had bloomed recently and was full of young fruit; it was also carrying a lot of ripe fruit which I did not see when I was there before. It looks as though it must bloom twice a year, as I was told it bloomed in April and had not expected to find it in bloom as yet. I obtained 150 fruits and am taking the seeds down to Quirigua to plant. I plan to go down to Amatitlan in a couple of days and cut some more budwood to put in this week's mail. When I said that one of the varieties from San Cristobal was the best avocado I had seen, I did it deliberately. It is really a magnificent fruit. Of course I cannot forecast its behavior in the States, but as a fruit it is certainly splendid. As to the *coyo*, I did not intend you